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SUBJ: EXCELSIOR REPORT ON KORRY CHARGES AGAINST SECRETARY VANCE

1. EXCELSIOR ON JANUARY 27 AND 28 FRONTPAGES FORMER
AMBSASSADOR TO CHILE KORRY'S CHARGES OF SECRETARY VANCE'S INVOL-
VEMENT, WHEN DEFENSE UNDERSECRETARY IN 1964, IN EFFORTS TO KEEP
ALLENDE FROM RUNNING FOR PRESIDENCY AND HIS CONNECTION WITH
CHILEAN EVENTS OVER LAST TEN YEARS. STORIES BOTH DAYS ARE BY
WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT FAUSTO FERNANDEZ PONTE, AND ARE BASED
ON KORRY'S JAN 11 TESTIMONY IN OPEN SESSION BEFORE SENATE
FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERING SECRETARY VANCE'S
NOMINATION. (CHARACERISTICALLY, EXCELSIOR DOES NOT
MENTION THAT SENATE SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED VANCE.) TO BEST
OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, NO OTHER PAPERS PICKED UP THE STORY?
CERTAINLY NONE GAVE IT ATTENTION THAT EXCELSIOR DID.

2. FLAMBOYANT EXCELSIOR EDITORIAL JAN 28 BEGINS WITH
EVOCATION OF HORRORS OF SLAVE-TRADE "TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN
LIBERTIES"; TIES IT IN TO KORRY CHARGES AGAINST VANCE
IN MATTER OF "ILLEGAL, INHUMAN AND CUNNING INTER-
VENTION" OF CIA IN CHILE; SERMONIZES THAT IT WOULD BE
A VERY SERIOUS HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITY FOR "YOUNG AND
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CHARISMATIC CARTER" NOT TO CLARIFY IN ABSOLUTE TERMS
THE CONDUCT OF HIS SECSTATE IN CHILE AFFAIRS; AND RE-
TURNS TO THE SLAVE-SHIP IMAGE IN CONCLUDING SECTION.

3. JANUARY 28 ARTICLE CITES REACTION OF GABRIEL VALDEZ
TO KORRY CHARGES THAT VALDEZ DISTRIBUTED LARGE AMOUNTS
US MONEY THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA AND SOUGHT FUNDS FOR

HIS OWN CHILEAN PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, AND MENTIONS
THAT VALDEZ IS THREATENING SUIT AGAINST KORRY FOR
JANUARY 11 STATEMENTS.

4. IN JANUARY 27 CONVERSATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR, FOREIGN
SECRETARY ROEL REFERRED TO KORRY STATEMENTS AND SAID IT
WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT THEY REFLECTED ON IMAGE OF SEC-
RETARY VANCE.
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